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SUBJ: PENDING U.S. BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN IN FOOD AND BEVERAGES

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1. IN EGYPT, MINISTER OF HEALTH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATORY ACTIONS REGARDING FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND DRUG PRODUCTS. MINISTER WORKS THOROUGH HIS OFFICE OF FOOD INSPECTORS IN ENFORCING SPECIFIC REGULATIONS ON FOOD AND DRUGS, AND THROUGH THE INSTITUTES FOR FOOD AND DRUG RESEARCH FOR ANY STUDIES RELATING TO REGULATORY ACTIONS. UPON RECEIVING WORD OF FDA INTENTIONS, MINISTER FORMED INTRA-MINISTRY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO USE OF SACCHARIN IN EGYPT AND DETERMINE WHAT IF ANYTHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. COMMITTEE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED INFORMATION ON WHICH FDA BASED ACTION FROM WHO.

2. COMMITTEE ABLE TO IDENTIFY QUICKLY ALL USES OF SACCHARIN IN EGYPT THANKS TO REQUISTRY LAW PASSED FEW YEARS AGO TO CONTROL PRODUCTION OF DIETARY FOODS, SACCHARIN WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY THE OBJECT OF THIS REGISTRATION, BUT EFFECT OF REQUIRING ALL MANUFACTURERS TO LIST INGREDIENTS PROVIDED READY REFERENCE. SACCHARIN IS ALSO USED IN SOME DRUG PRODUCTION.

3. COMMITTEE EVALUATION OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM WHO INDICATES NO NEED AT PRESENT TO CONSIDER BANNING USE OF SACCHARIN IN EGYPT. MINISTRY OF HEALTH HASTENS TO ADD THAT  
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IF FDA HAS NEW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, COMMITTEE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO CONSIDER IT.  
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